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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Rothberg, et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment to accompany a Divisional Application, filed herewith. While Applicants believe that no additional fees are necessary, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit the undersigned Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21465-501-CIP DIV, Customer No. 35437, for any additional fees required. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment in the application.

**Amendment**

Prior to calculating the filing fee for the above-identified application please make the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.